

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Have You Been Called?

Romulus High School is conducting a special fund-raising activity to raise money for the choir programs at the High School and the Middle School. Proceeds will be used to upgrade performance facilities and support various student activities.

The project will begin on Monday, March 18, and continue for about three weeks. Households within the Romulus community will be contacted weeknights between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. to ask for their support. A delicious selection of frozen pizza, French-bread pizza, durable trash bags, useful first-aid kits, life-saving fire extinguishers, gourmet roasted nuts, and Amish-style fudge will be available for purchase, and all orders will be delivered at no extra charge.

The Romulus Schools choir program greatly appreciates the community's past support of its concerts and activities, and hopes that such support will continue for this project.

### Spring Programs at the Recreation Center

The Romulus Recreation Department's spring programs will soon be underway. Included in this season's offerings will be classes for youths (ballet, gymnastics, karate, and cheerleading/pom-pom) and adults (jazzercise), as well as a summer youth softball league and special events like an Easter egg hunt and a parent/child bowling tournament. For more information, be sure to check the upcoming March 29 issue of "the little paper," or contact the Romulus Recreation Department at 942-6852.

### County Parks Plan "Special Events"

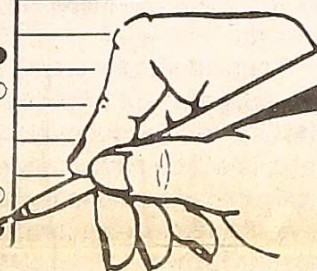
The Wayne County Parks Department has compiled its calendar of special events for 1996. For more information, be sure to check the upcoming March 29 issue of "the little paper," or call the Parks Department at 261-1990. □

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## Presidential Primaries Set

The Michigan Democratic Party's decision to hold a separate caucus election three days before the Michigan Presidential Primary has caused a great deal of confusion for Romulus voters.

"Because we are holding our own caucus vote on Saturday, March 16, we have withdrawn from the March 19 Primary," explained Fred Durhall, political director for the Michigan Democratic Party. "Any votes cast for Democrats on the State ballot will not be included in our official vote tallies."

Those who wish to participate in the March 16 Democratic caucus vote may do so at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Note: This vote will *not* be conducted by or in any way connected with the Romulus City Clerk's office.) The Democratic Party Headquarters in Lansing will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions; call 517-371-5410.

Voters who want to participate in the March 19 (effectively Republican) State Primary should do so at their precinct's regular poll location between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. At that time, they will have the opportunity to choose one of

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## "Spring Fling Thing" Set for March 30

The Romulus High School (RHS) Class of 1998 has already called Mother Nature to place an order for toasty temperatures and sunny skies on Saturday, March 30 – the date set for their Spring Fling Thing, which will be held in the High School cafeteria (9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students have worked hard to plan and execute this fundraiser by making posters, creating and distributing flyers, designing floor plans, coordinating schedules for vendors, and tending to a "million" other details.

Everyone is invited to attend this exciting event, which will feature an enormous craft show; sales of baked goods and candy, a variety of ethnic foods, and "outdoor-grilled" hot dogs; face-painting for children; and entertainment provided by an RHS Student Jazz Ensemble. Admission is free. Door-prize drawings will be held every half-hour.



Romulus High School's "Class of 1988" officers: Lloyd Ellis, Mary Moore, Patrice Carter, Signora Armstrong, Amber Long, Rosalie Berlinn, and Delores McKinney. (Not pictured: Kathy Hurst)

Table space (\$25) is still available for crafters. For more information, please

call Kathy Hurst (941-2170, ext. 809) or Rosalie Berlinn (941-2170, ext. 161). □



## Guest Commentary

### Education Cuts Will Prove Costly

By Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers,  
Representative for the State of Michigan's 13th District

Twenty years ago, I was a teen mom. My husband and I were married the day after our high school graduation, and our first child was born later that year. We had little money and few prospects for the future. During high school, however, I'd taken classes in commercial food preparation at a nearby vocational school. This training – and the certification I received – enabled me to get the jobs that helped me to support our family during our leanest years. It also helped when I began to put myself through college – a dream also made possible by the availability of student loans.

Now, at age 39, I am a United States Congresswoman. I know I could not have gotten where I am today without my education, without the quality public schooling and federally funded programs that helped me to develop my skills and live up to my potential.

Yet a whole range of such programs – from vocational education to adult education to Title I grants – are now being threatened by the budget impasse. These programs are facing unprecedented cuts that could become permanent depending upon how and if the budget crisis is resolved.

In order to run federal programs without a budget, Congress has to pass what is known as a continuing resolution (a "CR") – a stopgap measure that allows federal programs to receive funds. A CR can fund programs selectively and at different levels.

Currently, education is being funded through a CR whose spending reductions for education will total \$3.1 billion over the course of the year. This is the largest cut in education in U.S. history, and it could undermine the effectiveness of hundreds of programs in elementary, middle, and high schools across the nation. An estimated 65 million students stand to be affected – particularly those who need a helping hand the most.

Under the current CR, Vocational Education is being funded at 17% below 1995 levels. Title I grants, which provide additional educational help to disadvantaged students, are also being cut by 17%. Goals 2000, the national academic standards program designed to insure that all students receive a basic, balanced education, is being cut by 25%. Eisenhower Professional Development grants, which help teachers upgrade their math and science skills in today's increasingly technological, sci-

entifically advanced culture, is also being cut 25%. The Safe and Drug Free Schools program, responsible for safer schools and effective anti-drug campaigns, has also been reduced by 25%. Adult Education has also been reduced.

Michigan alone is facing a total loss of \$68 million for these education programs for the 1996-97 academic year.

The political rhetoric surrounding these cuts is misleading. Supporters of the reductions argue that they are necessary to balance the budget. But the federal government's spending on education accounts for only one percent of its entire budget. Cutting billions from education does not mean a victory over the deficit but rather fewer text books, fewer teachers, fewer classes, and fewer opportunities for students to learn skills before facing an increasingly hostile economy.

Coupled with the recent changes in state education funding – which will not offset the federal decreases – the federal cuts will be particularly crippling to Michigan public school districts that serve children on the lower end of the economic scale.

In Wayne County, public schools stand to lose almost \$20.2 million in Title I funding alone in 1996-97. Title I money supports school programs to help underprivileged students in the most fundamental ways – such as by helping kids learn to read who have trouble reading, or by giving at-risk students additional help in math so that they can graduate. According to school superintendents in the district who have contacted me, these cuts will be "a major blow" to their schools and their students. Garden City Public Schools, for example, estimate that they stand to lose \$250,000 per year in Title I funding – a loss that they say will make it "almost impossible" for them to educate their students who are in greatest need of assistance.

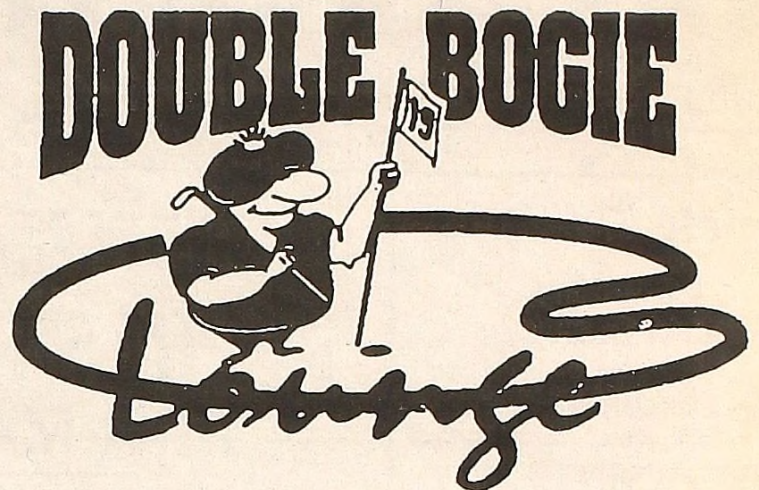
In these districts, where only 15%-20% of the students generally go on to college, cuts in Vocational Education and Adult Education will also leave many students stranded. Wayne-Westland Public Schools report that, come September '96, they will no longer be able to run adult education programs – programs that are currently overflowing due to the high dropout/return rate. In Romulus, the superintendent says, cuts in vocational education will have "an enormous impact" on the future and the livelihoods of the majority of the area's young people.

Just how much money the schools  
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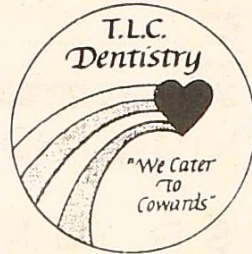


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"Each year was special and fulfilling for me," stated Hauke Kar (left), who is retiring after 27 years of service as a teacher in Romulus schools. Here, she receives congratulations from Board of Education president Debbie Hoffman and other Board members.

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will ultimately receive for the 1996-97 school year depends upon whether Congress and the President are able to pass a budget – a prospect that's currently shaky. And even if a budget is passed to replace the CR, there is still every indication that funding for education will not increase.

If education continues to be underfunded, all of us will suffer. Without safe schools, marketable skills, and a quality education, today's students are more likely to become unemployed – a condition that breeds crime, family strife, and the deterioration of communities. America also needs a strong work force and fresh brain power in order to flourish and compete economically. And education is often the only way that average American families can truly get ahead today.

As your representative, I will continue to champion education and to

work to keep it accessible and affordable for all. I know firsthand the difference that a good public education can make. Without it, I myself might have been a statistic and not a success. As a common expression goes, "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach him to fish, and he eats for a lifetime." If we don't support education, we leave our nation's students alone on the shoreline – with few means of filling their plates on their own.

*Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.*

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the candidates whose names appear on the ballot (Lamar Alexander, Patrick Buchanan, Bob Dole, Robert K. Dornan, Steve Forbes, Phil Gramm, Alan Keyes, Richard Lugar, and Maurice Taylor), indicate that they are still uncommitted, or write in a candidate of their own.

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate advises voters to take extra care to completely darken the oval next to their ballot selection when voting (see illustration on page 1). All seven of the votes which were added to former Mayor Beverly McAnally's vote total in last December's recount came from ballots which had been improperly completed, and therefore were not picked up by the "eye" of the scanner which tabulates the votes. □

**HELP WANTED**

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for scorekeepers for its upcoming Adult Softball Leagues. The pay rate for scorekeepers is \$6 per game. You could have 4 to 6 games at a time. The game days are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. During the week, the games are in the evening and Sunday they are during the day. For those who are interested, call the Romulus Recreation Department at **942-6852** or pick up an employee application at Romulus City Hall in the Personnel Department or at the Romulus Recreation Department.

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During my 11 years as a businessman in this city, I have come to appreciate it and its citizens. I believe that Romulus – with its unique blend of metropolitan progress and small-town atmosphere – has a lot to offer, and I want to do my small part to continue the development of the City's business community in a way that benefits the residents as well. The reopening of the Kozy Korner fits this twofold purpose admirably because, besides giving people one more reason to patronize the Downtown business district, it will also offer an attractive alternative to "fast food on the fly": namely, a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where you can sit down and enjoy real, old-fashioned home cooking – or get home-cooked food to go. In fact, ordering for carry-out is easier than ever; now you can either call in your request (941-1110) or FAX it to us (941-8870).

Those of you with fond memories of the "original" Kozy Korner will be happy to know that Gloria Trent Medham is back on board as our manager and cook, and that she has arranged to bring with her the "old staff": Candy, Jan, and Lori. Together, they'll do their best to continue the same fine service for which they were known in the past. Whether you're in the mood for a meal that's hot and hearty, or would prefer a luncheon that's lusciously light, you'll find something on the menu. (And if you don't, just ask: Gloria does "special requests," too!) Anyone who's not 100% satisfied will receive another meal of equal value "on the house." And senior citizens and City employees always receive a 10% discount.

In closing, I would like to urge old and new friends to stop in and sample our fare – and then drop us a line (at the address above) to tell us what you think. We're always open to suggestions. If those of you who are church-goers would like us to extend our hours to accommodate before-service breakfasts and/or after-service lunches on Sundays, let us know. Is there something we can do to better serve all the hungry Airport workers out there? We'd love to hear about it.

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## Community Calendar

- **Book Donors Needed** – The Romulus Friends of the Library Club is planning a used-book sale for the fourth week in April at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, near City Hall). Please scan your home libraries and contribute any books that you can. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Library. Books may be dropped off at the Library during its regular hours (Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.). Remember: A cart in the Library offers book bargains right now.
- **St. Paul's Serves Fish for Lent** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Ellis and Craig streets, New Boston) is hosting all-you-can-eat fish dinners every Friday during Lent (through April 5). Featured fare includes deep-fried and baked fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, macaroni salad, jello, dessert, and drink. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for children ages five to 11. Carry-outs are available.
- **Auditions Scheduled** – The Macomb College performance group known as The Macomers will conclude its annual auditions at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (one mile east of Lakeside Mall at Hall Road/M59 and Garfield Road in Clinton Township) from 12 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. Applicants should: be a high-school graduate by June 1996; have two songs of different styles prepared (an accompanist will be provided); and dress comfortably (a dance routine will be taught *en masse*). Scholarships are available. To make a reservation, please call 810-286-2044.
- **Project Health-O-Rama** – Oakwood Hospital & Medical Centers are teaming up with Project Health-O-Rama to provide health screenings, tests, and counseling services designed to detect health problems in their early stages. Programs will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27–28, at Dearborn Civic Center (15801 Michigan Avenue); and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 3–4, at the Sheridan Community Center (12111 Pardee, Taylor). Participants must be at least 18 years of age. For more information on particular tests, or to find out which tests require appointments, call 278-5151 (Dearborn) or 259-5000 (Taylor).
- **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** – The Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, in New Boston) will present *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, on Friday, May 3 and 10, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 4 and 11, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 5 and 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets (\$9 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and students) are available at the Box Office; call 782-5380.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For information, call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Premarital Counseling Classes** – Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center–Taylor, in cooperation with the Taylor Teen Health Center, offers premarital counseling classes that fulfill the State of Michigan marriage license requirement. Participants receive information on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and prenatal care from a qualified health educator. Classes are offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Cost is \$25 for couples; \$15 for individuals. To preregister, call 374-2273.

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## Huggins Takes Third Place in Ice Sculpture Competition



Romulus High School student Chris Huggins (center) proudly displays his awards while his mom and brother look on.

Romulus High School student Chris Huggins, who earned third-place honors in the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Competition, appeared at a recent Board of Education meeting to talk about his experience.

"I never thought I would win a plaque or anything," said Huggins, who is enrolled in the High School's culinary arts class. "I had never done anything like this before." Huggins' teacher, Chuck Usztics, encouraged him to give it a try.

Huggins received the admiration of each board member, the administration, and the citizens in attendance as

he demonstrated how he carved a large piece of ice into his sculpture. Said Board president Debbie Hoffman, "This is just another example of the tremendous talents our students exhibit every day. Congratulations, Chris! All of us are proud of you – not only for being a winner, but, more importantly, for your decision to become involved in a creative venture."

Chris's mother and brother were also present at the Board meeting to hear Chris recount his exploits and to hear the Board's motion to send Chris a letter of congratulations. □

## Seventh-graders Challenged at RMS Honors Assembly

At the recent honors assembly for Romulus Middle School's seventh-graders, Thomas Dolan, Curriculum Director, challenged the students to prepare now for the State-mandated Proficiency Test which they will take in the eleventh grade.

"Unless you pass the Proficiency Test, the School District cannot award you an endorsed diploma," Dolan stated.

Recently, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce announced that it will encourage its members to hire only graduates who earn an endorsed diploma. It has also been suggested that State universities admit only students who have achieved the endorsement.

Team Amigo, the name selected by 7B students for their group name, met in the school cafeteria on February 20, 1996, to honor students with outstanding academic achievement, no referrals, and/or perfect attendance. Master of Ceremonies Gary Banis began the assembly by introducing all staff members and expressing a sincere welcome

to the 40 parents who attended the assembly. He explained that the assembly was a very special gathering because high academic achievement, excellent behavior, and good attendance are the hallmarks of scholastic success.

Dolan also gave the students a glimpse of high-school requirements besides the Proficiency Test. "In less than two years you will be in high school, where you will be required to earn 22 credits before graduating. These credits will not simply be given to you," he stated. "You will have to earn each one of them to graduate."

In his closing remarks, Dolan discussed the successful community service program now in place at the High School. More than 100 seniors tutor in our elementary schools each day, and many High School students work with the needy, senior citizens, and businesses to learn and share their talents with others. He encouraged each student to seriously consider working to make a better community. □

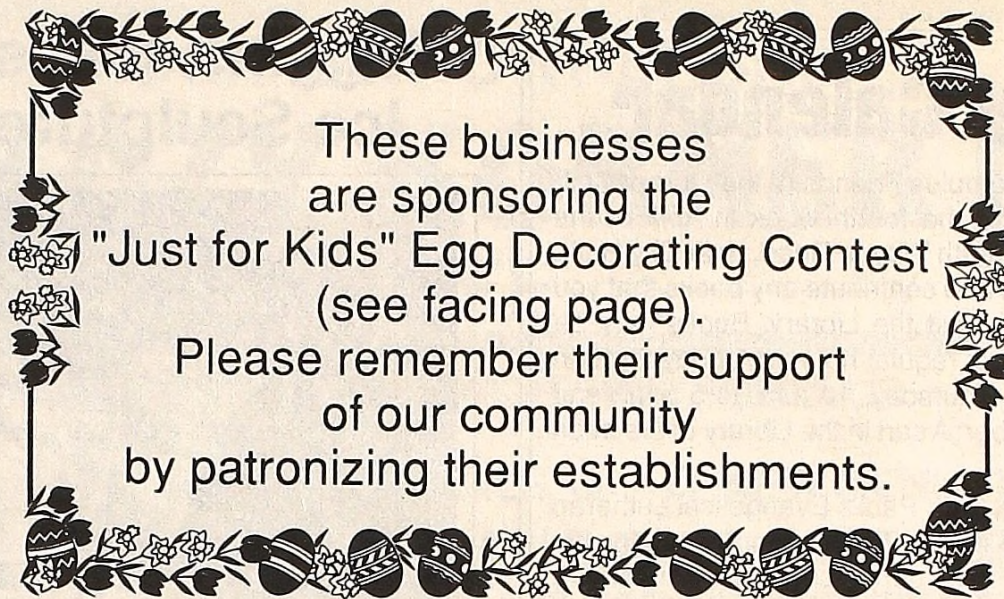


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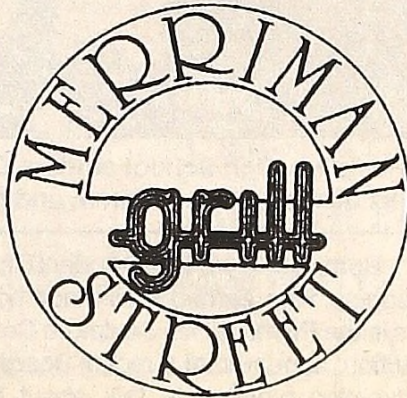
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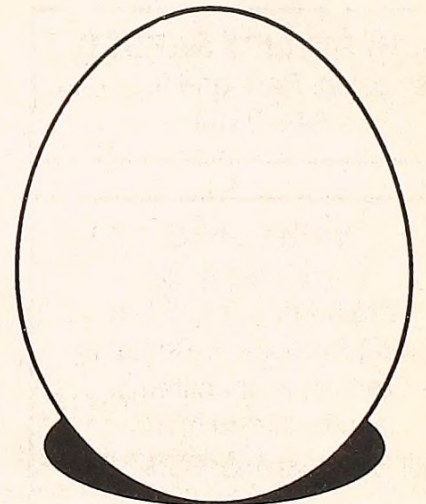
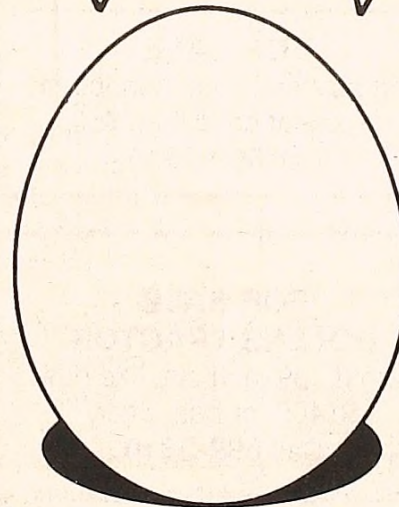
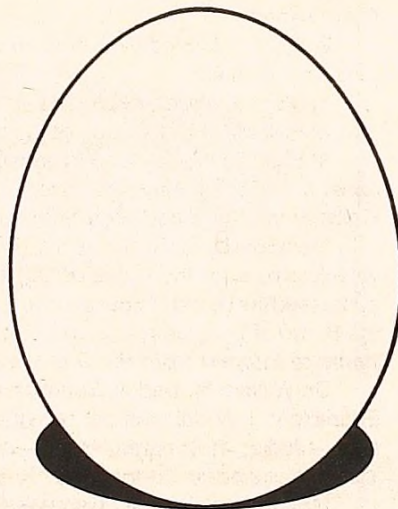
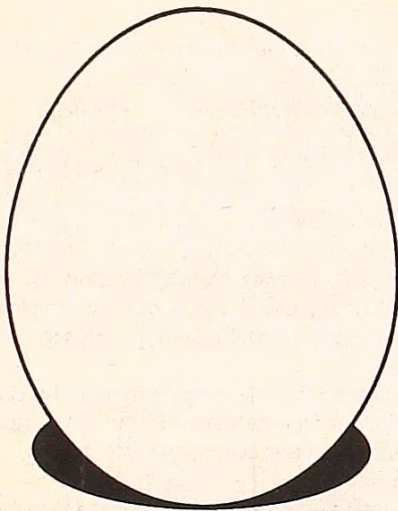
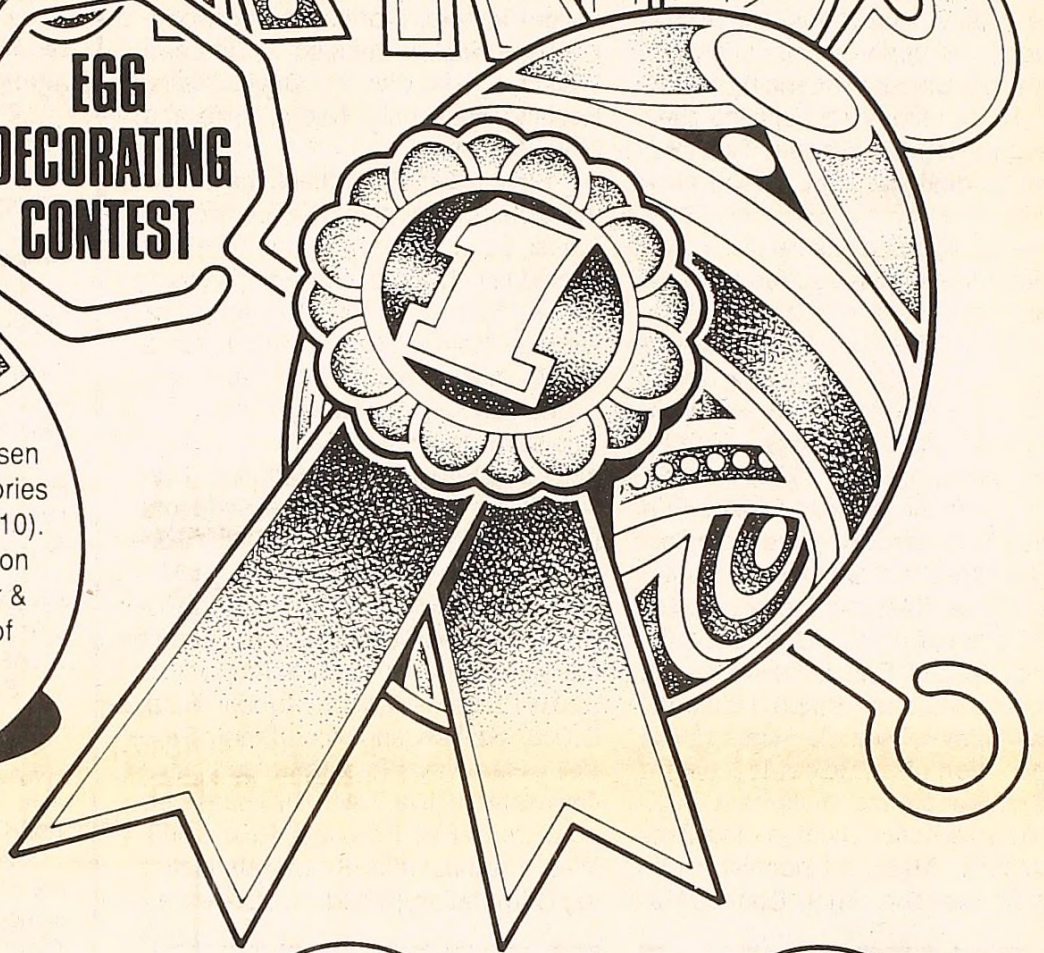
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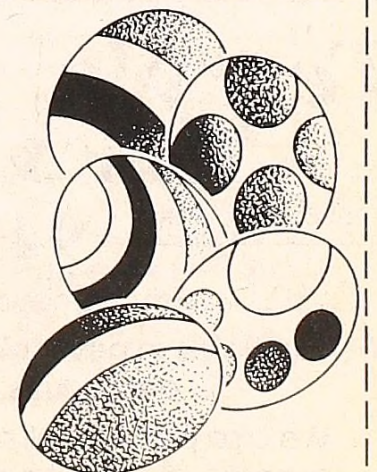
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## RHS, RMS Honor January's "Students Month"

By Ed Clark, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 65 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for January's "Student of the Month" honors because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending a February 14 ceremony recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for earning "Student of the Month" honors: Christa Anderson, Richard Angel, Jarene Armstrong, Lance Belcher, Justin Benci, Christina Bouquenoy, Curtis Bradford, Jason Britt, Jason Brooks, Cortney Brown, Jennifer Bury, Kristy Carroll, Carrie Chandler, Andrea Coate, Erin Conway, Trashawn Copeland, Kela Cotton, Raphael Crawford, Joshua Creith, Jason Davis, Cassandra Dawson, Michael Deaton, Andrea Deline, John Dimaggio, Kenny Ennis, David Estes, Matthew Gibbons, Ralph Hackney, Chavis Hamby, Brandie Hines, Mikki Hodge, Jennifer Hoffman, Aaron Hughes, Meriam Izobo, Jessica Jackson, Melaina Keller, Cynthia King, Amy Kruszelnicki, Melissa Lindquist, Katie Lockhart, Brandon Logan, Charles Ma-

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### REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 26, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2/96/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/96/15 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of February 12, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

None.

##### Contract Termination – Local 64

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, recommended that the Board table action on the above until the last meeting in June, 1996.

2/96/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley that the Board table action on Local 64 contract termination until the last meeting in June, 1996. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Patterson). Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

2/96/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Patterson to approve Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### K-3 Curriculum Presentation

Representatives from the elementary curriculum team were present and reported on the development of the Language Arts K-4 and Math K-3 curriculum and responded to questions presented by members of the Board of Education.

##### MEAP Report – Learning Specialists

Elementary learning specialists were present and gave a review of the MEAP results.

##### Asbestos at Hayti

2/96/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board of Education authorize an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for asbestos abatement at Hayti School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bond Resolution – Department of Education

2/96/19 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution relative to our 1996 bond refunding. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Field Trips

2/96/20 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley to approve the following field trips as submitted:

- 1) Merriman sixth-graders to fly to Washington for one day.
- 2) Halecreek Safety Squad to go to Cedar Point.
- 3) High School Band to Atlanta/Orlando.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education concerning: 1) multiple valedictorians for the Class of '96; 2) Council 25 Representative, Sharlene M. Myers, addressed the Board of Education re Local 64 contract; and 3) Matt McCrane complimented the Board of Education and staff on the new direction that the District is taking.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Middle School newspaper; 2) Clark Durant letter – Dolan; 3) Congratulations – Judie; 4) Congratulations – Judie; and 5) Policy Committee Minutes.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Sandra Langley discussed the meeting at WCRESA and stated that they are encouraging Board Members to contact their legislators regarding Title I and inform MASB of our initiative.

Mrs. Judith Gondek discussed Lansing meeting information with the Board of Education.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz expressed her concerns with the new State Proficiency Test that will be given for the first time this year.

##### Executive Session

2/96/21 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:47 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:31 P.M.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

2/96/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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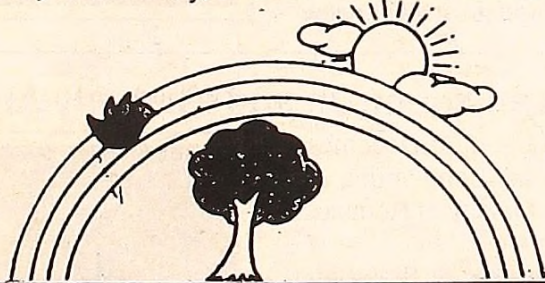
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 10, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. Call the Center for more information.

### Drop-in Program for Legal Counsel

Citizens age 50 and over are encouraged to take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's new drop-in program for free legal advice and consultations courtesy of local attorney Brian Oakley. Each of the bimonthly sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The next scheduled program date is March 26.

### Blood-pressure Checks Are Back!

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

### Lunch with Seniors ... by Seniors ... for Seniors

Volunteers at the Romulus Senior Center invite the public to stop in at the Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (while supplies last) on Friday, March 15, to enjoy a luncheon featuring a select menu of modestly priced soup, salad, and sandwich fare. The new once-a-month program — besides providing a pleasant excuse to get together with old and new friends — is a fund-raising project for volunteer activities.

### Potluck

Fish sticks and macaroni-and-cheese will be the featured main dishes at the Senior Center's next potluck, set for 2 p.m. on Friday, March 22. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend!

### Lunch/Flower Show

The Senior Van will be traveling to Ann Arbor on Friday, March 29, for lunch out followed by a tour of the City's

Garden and Flower Show. Sign up at the Center.

### Special Trips

Seniors and nonseniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Gambling!** — You can't beat the price of this trip to Casino Windsor and Northern Belle Casino for an afternoon of flirting with Lady Luck. Just \$26 includes round-trip transportation and a "casino package" of \$10 in Canadian tokens. Departs at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 12.
- **Shipshewana** — Bargain hunters won't want to miss this overnight trip to the Shipshewana flea market, set for April 29–30. The \$179 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the trip includes one night's accommodations at Amish Acres, one lunch, one dinner, and one buggy-ride admission. Sign up as soon as possible; deadline for payment is Friday, March 29.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

### Personal Transportation Service

Senior citizens who have no other means of transportation can take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's personal transportation program. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be taken anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctor appointments, banking, or shopping. The service is available each Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so it's best to make your reservation as far ahead as possible. For information, call the Center (942-6852).

### Attention Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is continuing a program which allows interested senior citizens to participate in an indoor, move-at-your-own-pace walk program at the Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus. Transportation to the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Senior Center at 9 a.m.; returns at about 10:30 a.m. □

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## Wedding Bells

### Eugene and Yolanda (Lawrence) Charleston

Newly married are Eugene Charleston of Detroit, Michigan, and Yolanda (Lawrence) Charleston of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple – who had been engaged since July 6, 1995 – exchanged their wedding vows at "The Little White Chapel" in Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 4, 1996.

A reception is planned for later this spring.

Eugene is the son of Jacqueline Charleston of Detroit. Yolanda's parents are the late Cornelius and Ava Lawrence.



### Phil and Sherri (McFall) Britt



Sherri McFall of Romulus, Michigan, and Phil Britt of Raleigh, North Carolina, exchanged wedding vows on April 29, 1995, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI).

Sherri is the daughter of Norm and Karen McFall of Romulus; Phil is the son of Sidney and Mary Francis Britt of Raleigh.

Carrying red and white roses adorned with baby's breath, fresh greens, and pearls, the bride wore a white satin wedding gown. Pearls and sequins accented the sweetheart neckline and cathedral train.

Serving as her sister's maid of honor was Suzanne McFall of Romulus. The bridesmaids were Tammy Michniewicz of Ann Arbor, cousin of the bride; Julie Debozy of New Boston, cousin of the bride; Tracy Schmidt of Romulus, friend of the bride; and Michele McKimmy of Dearborn Heights, friend of the bride. Morida Holbrook of Romulus, who is

also a cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid.

Doug Britt of Raleigh was best man for his brother. The groomsmen were Emory Britt of West Virginia, cousin of the groom; Patrick Hudnall of Raleigh, long-time friend of the groom; Jason Nieman, cousin of the bride; and Mike Debozy of New Boston, cousin of the bride.

Completing the bridal party – as flower girl and ring bearer, respectively – were Crystal Cheever of Flint, cousin of the bride, and Donnee Barlow of Canton, friend of the bride.

Following the 2:30 p.m. wedding, a reception for 250 was held at the Romulus Progressive Club.

Sherri – a graduate of Romulus High School and Michigan State University – is employed as assistant manager for The Gap in Livonia.

Following his graduation from Raleigh High School, Phil joined the Army for a four-year stint and served in Operation Desert Storm. He is currently employed at Davis excavating.

The newlyweds honeymooned in the Smokey Mountains and reside in Willis, Michigan. □

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## The Stork Arrived

### Courtney Symone Charleston

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Courtney Symone, are Eugene and Yolanda Charleston of Romulus, Michigan.

Courtney was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 9:17 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 1996, weighing in at five pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Especially excited about Courtney's arrival were big sisters Candace Marie, age eight, and Brittany Cheyenne, age five.

Courtney's paternal grandmother is Jacqueline Charleston of Detroit. Her maternal grandparents are the late Cornelius and Ava Lawrence. □



## Engaged

### Terry Brown and Suzanne R. McFall

Norm and Karen McFall of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne R. McFall, to Terry Brown, the son of Cecil and Cindy Brown of Carleton, Michigan.

Suzanne and Terry have been engaged since August of 1995. The couple are planning a November 23, 1996 wedding at St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston.

Suzanne, a 1995 graduate of Henry Ford Community College, is a registered respiratory therapist at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Terry is employed at H. Domine Enterprises in Riverview.



### Ronald Dean Yount, Jr. and Kimberly Ann Malgay

Becoming engaged on December 9, 1995, were Ronald Dean Yount, Jr., and Kimberly Ann Malgay of Romulus, Michigan.

Kim is the daughter of Steve and Phyllis Malgay, who reside on Michael Drive in Romulus. Ron is the son of Ron and Karen Yount, who reside on Anthony in Romulus.

Kim is in her senior year at the University of Michigan–Dearborn, majoring in accounting. She has been on the Dean's List for five semesters.

Ron is attending Eastern Michigan University, where he is majoring in computer-aided design.

The wedding date has not yet been set. □





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**Obituaries****Hugh E. Hurlburt**

Hugh E. Hurlburt of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, March 1, 1996. He was 98 years old.

A native of Gladwin County, Michigan, Hugh was born on February 19, 1898. He was a member of the Romulus Wesleyan Church and a former member of the Odd Fellows and the Housing Commission.

Hugh is survived by one son, Russell Hurlburt (Romulus, MI); four daughters, Miss June Hurlburt (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Daniel (Ardith) Bailey (Belleville, MI), Mrs. Robert (Helen) Walton (Webberville, MI), and Mrs. William (Grace) Goldsmith (Comins, MI); 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, Alma (Wise) Hurlburt; one son, Reuben Hurlburt; one brother, Oliver Hurlburt; and two sisters, Olive and Beulah Hurlburt.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 4, at Romulus Wesleyan Church, with Pastor Donald "Mike" McClellan officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

**Hannah Nicole Kadau**

Hannah Nicole Kadau of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, March 10, 1996, at the age of five months.

Hannah was born on September 29, 1995 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

She is survived by her parents, Roger E. and Paula L. Kadau; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nancy C. Nouhan (Harper Woods, MI); and her paternal grandparents, Earl G. and Lois M. Kadau (Romulus, MI).

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 13, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis officiating. Interment was at Michigan Me-

morial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

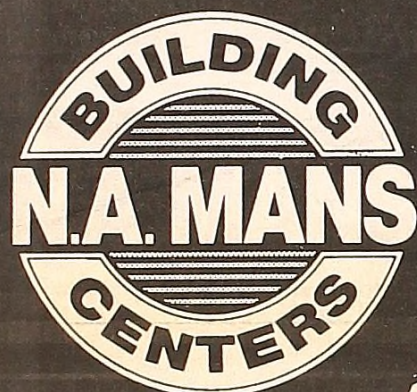
**Stanley J. Ryznar**

Stanley J. Ryznar of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, March 5, 1996. He was 79 years old.

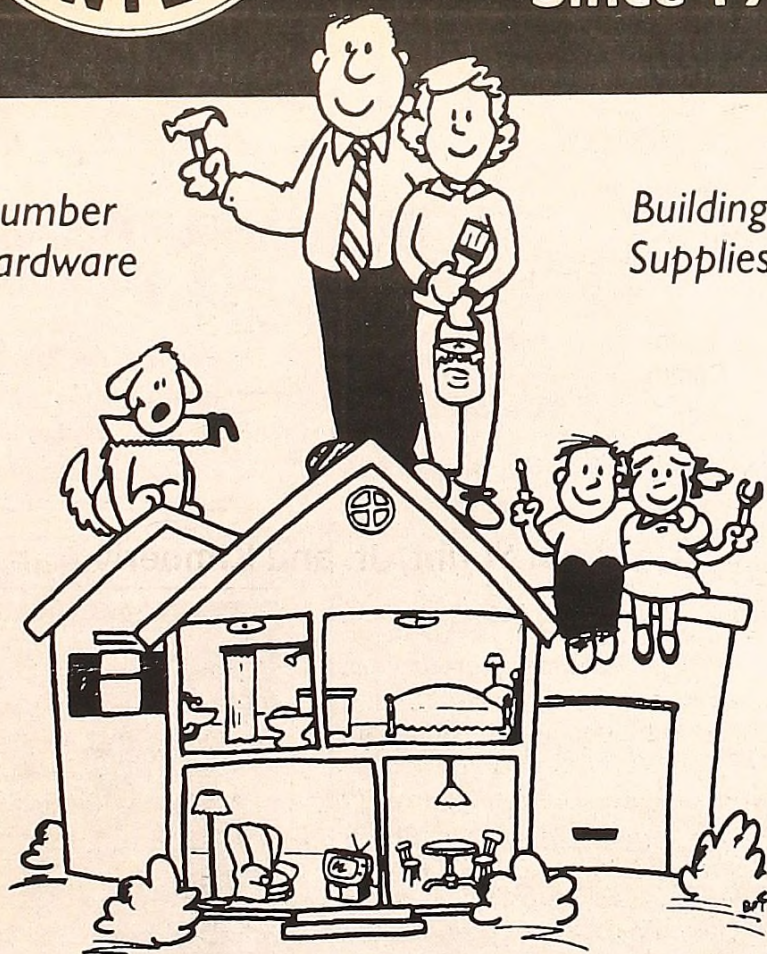
A native of Detroit, Michigan, Stanley was born on August 22, 1916.

He is survived by one son: Stanley J. Ryznar (Westland, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Rosemary) Morris (Sterling Heights, MI) and Ms. Roberta Trubiano (Romulus, MI); two brothers, Edward and John Ryznar (both of Romulus, MI); four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Petril (Taylor, MI), Mrs. Adella Pietrowski (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Josephine Wojtowicz (Ypsilanti, MI), and Mrs. Genevieve Harrison (New Boston, MI); eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Lillian V. Ryznar.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 8, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □



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